

2022 Candidates for Friends of Nachusa Grasslands Board of Directors

1. For a second two-year term: Heather Herakovich

Heather is finishing her first term on the Board. She has a full-time position as Executive Director of the Franklin Creek Conservation Area.

She began grassland bird research at NG beginning 2013 as part of our second class of science grantees. Awarded a PhD in Biological Sciences in 2019 from NIU, after graduating she began working in nature education and outreach at two park districts in the suburbs. Heather does occasional field stewardship at NG workdays, including Schaefer Knob, and docent work. She is also a member of the Friends Social Media Team.

Heather brings a scientific perspective to the board and enjoys giving back to the organization that allowed her to do the research she wanted to do.

2. For a third two-year-term: Mike Carr

Mike has served on the Board since 2018.

He has been active managing Big Jump Prairie, including the very successful Illinois Clean Energy (ICE) grant program. He also led the 2020 ICE program at Stone Barn Savanna and currently heads up our third ICE grant which focuses on growing our understanding of woodland plants.

Mike started the *A Prairie Calling* newsletter program and has provided leadership in building our development efforts.